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Journal Proceedings.

First Day.

JENNINGS, LOUISIANA, Dec. 19, 1907.

The Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in its Fifth Annual Session Thursday Dec. 19, 1907, 8:30 a. m., Bishop William Burt presiding.

The devotional service was led by the Bishop, followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper by the Bishop assisted by the Presiding Elders.

The Conference Roll was called by the Secretary, nineteen members being present.

Nominations for Secretary was called for. G. B. Hines and B. W. Hugg nominated J. R. Basket who was elected unanimously. By permission of the Conference he nominated James A. Christian as his assistant.

By vote the following officers and their assistants were chosen: W. C. Mann Statistical Secretary, J. W. Hervey Assistant, B. W. Hugg Treasurer, Louis May Assistant, J. A. Webb Conference Post Master.

BAR OF CONFERENCE—By motion the bar of the Conference was fixed as the first three front rows of seats.

TIME—The hours of meeting were fixed the same as on the programme.

STANDING COMMITTEES—Hy. H. McCain nominated the following Standing Committees:

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—F. D. VanValkenburg, James F. Ragsdale, Louis May.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS—J. W. Hervey, J. W. Faulk.

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION—C. A. King, J. R. Basket, N. L. Sayers.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Louis May, W. C. Mann, T. F. Swanson.

EDUCATION—James A. Christian, B. W. Hugg, J. A. Webb, W. H. Germany.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION—N. H. Oliver, C. A. King, Wm. Hebert.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—Charles F. Hunter, Wm. Hebert, J. D. Pointer.

EPISCOPAL FUND—The Presiding Elders.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—W. C. Mann, J. R. Basket, J. A. Carruth.

AUDITING—J. R. Basket, J. A. Christian, A. McDow.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—The Pastor and Presiding Elders.

RESOLUTIONS—F. D. VanValkenburg, N. L. Spinks, C. M. Brown.

MEMOIRS—N. H. Oliver, P. J. Robideaux, J. Woodson.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—J. A. Carruth, R. T. Pynes, Wm. Bennett.

STATE OF THE CHURCH—E. R. Houck, Charles F. Hunter, J. W. Hervey, J. A. Christian.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACT SOCIETY—J. W. Hervey, J. A. Carruth, R. T. Pynes, C. M. Brown.

TEMPERANCE—W. E. Harrison, J. T. James, W. J. Wood.

PUBLISHING THE MINUTES—The Secretaries.

INTRODUCTIONS—The following brethren were introduced to the Conference: Dr. J. P. Brushingham, of Chicago; Rev. Joseph H. Smith, of Philadelphia Conference; Dr. F. M. Compton, Owensboro, Kentucky; Dr. I. M. Wise, Pastor of the Local Baptist Church; Rev. James Ellis, Welsh, Louisiana; P. A. Drown, Central Ohio Conference; Guitano Vital, Italian Preacher; L. W. Archer, Des Moines Conference; H. F. Bohmfaulk, Southern German Conference; J. B. Gonzales and M. O. Lambly, Pastors of the local Congregational Church.

The Bishop followed the introductions by a very practical talk. F. D. VanValkenburg representing the Book Concern, made his announcements and requested that those having accounts to see him as soon as possible.

The draft (\$225.00) from the Book Concern was received. The Bishop made note of the fact that the draft from the Chartered Fund was missing.

By motion the draft was made payable to C. A. King, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

MOTION—By motion the Constitutional Questions and The Election of the Delegate to General Conference was made the “Order of the Day” at 10:00 o’clock, Dec. 20.

R. R. SECRETARY—N. L. Sayers was elected as R. R. Secretary. He requested that all having certificates from the R. R. should place them in his hands at the earliest convenience.

PRESS REPORTERS—The following press reporters were appointed: Times-Record and Central Christian Advocate, J. A. Carruth; Picayune, J. W. Lively; Times-Democrat, T. E. Webb, N. Y. Christian Advocate, E. R. Houck; Lake Charles Press, G. B. Hines.

QUESTION NUMBER THIRTEEN—“*Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*” was asked. Presiding Elder Hy. H. McCain was called, character passed and he reported his district. The Conference sang one stanza of “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.”

Presiding Elder G. B. Hines was called, character passed and he reported his district. This was followed by the second stanza of the same hymn.

Presiding Elder J. W. Lively was called, character passed and here ported his district some what in detail and closed by saying that he wanted to rest for a while. The Conference sang, “A Charge to Keep I Have.” The Holy Spirit filled our hearts while we gave him and each other the right hand of fellowship.

The following effective Elders were called, characters passed, and they reported their work: W. C. Mann, J. A. Christian, C. F. Hunter, J. W. Hervey, N. L. Sayers, F. D. VanValkenburg, J. R. Basket, E. R. Houck, B. F. Deaton, B. W. Hugg.

The Secretary having read the names of the Standing Committees and announcements being made, the Conference adjourned to meet in a Statistical Session at 2:00 p. m. J. W. Lively was appointed to preside.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After song and prayer Dr. J. W. Lively called the Statistical Session to order and the Assistant Secretary called the roll and those not having handed in their report were requested to do so. By motion the Conference adjourned.

Second Day.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8:30, Dec. 20, 1907.

The Conference met at the appointed time, Bishop Burt in the chair.

The devotional services were led by the Bishop.

The Secretary read the minutes of Thursday's session and after having been corrected were adopted.

The Bishop announced that he had heard from the draft from the Chartered Fund and that he expected that it would be here Saturday possibly. The Conference ordered that it be made payable to C. A. King, the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Stewards.

The Question of "other Benevolences" was raised by the Statistical Secretary in which certain sums had been paid to evangelists had been included as "other benevolences."

After some discussion, G. B. Hines moved that it appear in the report as "Pastoral Support." Motion was lost.

A motion prevailed that the amount be omitted from the report.

The Treasurer called attention to the fact that he had received money for local educational purposes and did not know what to do with it. By motion the Treasurer was ordered to send it to Ft. Worth University.

QUESTION FIVE was considered, "*Who have been Continued on Trial?*" (a) In Studies of the First Year? R. L. Weldon was called and character passed. Brother Weldon not being present Presiding Elder McCain moved that he be passed to the studies of the Second Year conditionally that he bring up the remaining study. Motion prevailed.

R. R. Smith was called, character passed. Not being present P. E. McCain reported for him and moved that he be discontinued. Motion prevailed.

W. J. Wood was called, character passed and not being present P. E. Hines reported for him and moved that he be discontinued. The motion prevailed. (b) In Studies of the Second Year? Thomas F. Swanson was called, character passed and he reported his work. Not having brought up his studies, P. E. McCain moved that he be continued in the Studies of the Second Year. The motion prevailed. (c) In Studies of the Third Year? Louis May was called, character passed, and he reported his work. By motion he was advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

James F. Ragsdale was called character passed and he reported his work. The Examining Committee reported him graduated and P. E. McCain moved that he be elected to Elders Orders. The motion prevailed.

I. J. Coppage was called and reported that he had withdrawn.

Under SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS the following brethren were considered: W. E. Harrison, Professor in Meridian Male College, and by motion he was reappointed.

M. C. Hickman, President of Wells Spring Academy, Transferred to Oklahoma Conference. N. H. Oliver, Conference Evangelist. By motion he was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Wm. R. Chase Conference Evangelist. The Secretary read a letter from him. By motion he was continued in the same relation.

ORDER OF THE DAY was taken up, which was the consideration of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and the Election of the delegate and reserve to the General Conference.

The Lay Conference was called to meet in the Baptist Church.

By motion a joint session of the Annual Conference and the Lay Conference was set for 4:00 p. m.

Secretary read first proposed Amendment, viz:

I.—Action of the General Conference, taken May 28, 1904.
(See Journal, pages 410, 429.)

Appendix of Discipline Par. 53, Sec.I—The General Conference of 1904, by a vote of 517 ayes to 27 noes, recommended that the Third Restrictive Rule, Par. 46, Sec. 3 of Discipline of 1904, be amended as follows; Strike out all that follows the disjunctive "but" and insert the words, "may elect a Bishop or Bishops for work among particular races and languages, or for any of our Foreign Missions, limiting their Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively," so that the whole paragraph shall read:

"The General Conference shall not change nor alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away Episcopacy, nor destroy the plan of our itinerant General Suptendency; but may elect a Bishop or Bishops for work among paricular races and languages, or for any of our Foreign Missions, limiting their Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively."

T. E. Webb and Louis May were appointed tellers.

The Bishop explained the proposed Amendment and the vote was taken with the result as follows: Ayes, 8, Noes, 11.

Dr. J. B. Brushingham addressed the Conference while the ballots were being counted.

Proposed Amendment second was read by the Secretary, viz:

II.—Action of the Iowa Annual Conference, taken Sept. 11, 1905

Resolved, By the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Conference assembled, on this 11th day of September, A. D. 1905, that we recommend to the General Conference of said Church, to meet in the month of May, A. D. 1908, that Section One, Article Two, of the Constitution of said Church, be amended as follows:

By striking out in the fourth line of said Section One the word "fourteen" and inserting in the place thereof the words "twenty-five;" and by striking out in the fifth line of said Section One the words "forty-five" and substituting in the place thereof the word "ninety," so that the said Section One, as thus amended, shall read as follows:

Section One: "Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one Ministerial Delegate. The General Conference shall not allow more than one Ministerial Delegate for every twenty-five members of an Annual Conference, nor less than one for every ninety; but for a fraction of two-thirds or more of the number fixed by the General Conference as the ratio of representation an Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate.

The Bishop explained the proposed Amendment and the vote was taken with the following results: Ayes 1, Noes 19.

Proposed Amendment Third was read by the Secretary, viz:

III.—Action of the West Wisconsin Annual Conference, taken September 15, 1906.

Resolved, That we as the West Wisconsin Conference, by a vote of 84 ayes to 2 noes, recommend that on page 36 of the Discipline in the fifth line of Article Two, Par. 38, Sec. I of the Articles of Organization and Government, the word "forty-five" be changed to "sixty," so that the whole section shall read as follows:

"Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one Ministerial Delegate. The General Conference shall not allow more than one Ministerial Delegate for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor less than one for every sixty; but for a fraction of two-thirds, or more, of the number fixed by the General conference as the ratio of representation, an Annual Conference shall be entitled to one additional delegate."

The Bishop explained the proposed Amendment and the vote taken with the following results: Ayes 3, Noes 16.

Proposed Amendment Fourth was read by the Secretary, viz:

IV.—Action of the Illinois Conference, taken Sept. 22, 1906.

Resolved, That we as Lay and Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, respectfully memorialize our next General Conference, convening in 1908, to so alter Part II, Art. II, Paragraph 38, Sec. I, lines 4 and 5, of our Constitution by striking out the words "fourteen" and "forty-five," and inserting the words "twenty-five" and "seventy-five," thus causing the entire section to read as follows:

Each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one Ministerial Delegate. The General Conference shall not allow more than one Ministerial delegate for every twenty-five members of an Annual Conference, nor less than one for every seventy-five, but for a fraction of two-thirds or more of the number fixed by the General Conference as the ratio of representation an Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate.

The Bishop explained the proposed Amendment and the vote was taken with the following results: Ayes 1. Noes 18.

While the last three proposed Amendments were being considered and ballots counted, Question Four was considered viz: *Who Have Been Received on Trial?*

The following brethren were admitted and elected to Deacons Orders under the Missionary Rule:

R. T. Pynes, Charles M. Brown, Cuthbert L. Elliot, W. H. Germany, J. A. Webb, J. D. Pointer, J. W. Faulk, Alexander McDow, Delos H. Cassels.

Delos H. Cassels having been previously on trial, having completed the studies of the First and Second Year and having been previously ordained Elder under the Missionary rule, he was advanced to the studies of Third Year.

BALLOTING FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE.

The First ballot was taken with the following results:
Total No. Votes 19. Necessary to elect 10. G. B. Hines 9, Hy. H. McCain 6, J. W. Lively 3, J. R. Basket 1.

The Bishop announced no election.

Second ballot was taken with the following results:
Total No. Votes 20. Necessary to elect 11.

G. B. Hines 13, Hy. H. McCain 5, J. W. Lively 2.

The Bishop announced G. B. Hines to be elected.

BALLOT FOR THE RESERVE DELEGATE WAS TAKEN with the following results: Total No. votes 20. Necessary to elect 11. Hy. H. McCain 16. J. W. Lively 4.

The Bishop announced that Hy. H. McCain was elected as Reserve Delegate.

EXTENSION OF TIME—By motion the time was extended.

QUESTION NUMBER THIRTY was asked. *Where shall the next Conference be Held?*

Hammond, La. was put in nomination by P. E. Hines and was chosen unanimously.

QUESTION NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR.—*Who are the Triers of Appeals?* was asked. The following were chosen by motion: C. A. King, J. W. Lively, Hy. H. McCain, J. A. Christian, G. B. Hines.

MOTIONS.—By motion C. A. King and P. J. Robideaux were continued in the Supernumerary relation.

By motion the following were continued in the Superannuated Relation: Thomas Wilson, J. T. James, Julian Woodson.

The Conference adjourned to meet at four o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at the appointed time with Bishop Burt in the chair.

The Lay Conference was received as a body and reported their work.

W. E. Cline was elected chairman, F. M. Simpson secretary.

The Bishop asked Chairman Cline to report some of their plans and discussions and the results of their election for General Conference Delegates.

Chairman Cline reported that the Conference had considered and advised the establishing of a school within the bounds of the Conference.

Dan Hays reported the prospect and proposition from his charge which he made the Lay Conference in regard to establishing the aforesaid school.

The Bishop responded to these brethren and expressed himself pleased with the idea of movements begun for a Conference school.

It was announced that W. E. Cline was elected as delegate to the General Conference from the Lay Conference and F. R. Jaenke as Reserve.

MOTION.—On motion of P. E. McCain, F. D. Van Valkenburg was placed on the Superannuated List.

The case of George L. Harper was represented by P. E. McCain. By motion his orders from the M. E. Church, South, were recognized, admitted on trial and placed in the studies of the First Year.

P. E. McCain also represented Allie Irick. By motion his orders from the Church of Christ were recognized as a Local Deacon.

P. E. Hines represented E. A. Ferguson. By motion his orders from the Church of Christ were recognized as a Local Deacon.

E. R. Houck reported from the Board of Stewards the following nominations who were confirmed by the Conference: C. A. King, President and Treasurer. Pastor of Lake Charles, Secretary.

By motion the Conference adjourned to meet Saturday at 8:30 a. m. The Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

Third Day.

SATURDAY MORNING, Dec. 21, 1907.

The Conference met at the appointed time. Bishop Burt in the chair.

The devotional services were led by the Bishop.

Minutes of the previous sessions were read and after having been corrected were adopted.

MOTION.—C. A. King moved that the Presiding Elders constitute the Committee on Conference Boundaries.

Report of Conference Board of Stewards was read by C. A. King. See Report.

F. D. Van Valkenburg moved that the Supernumeraries be excluded from the Conference Claimant Fund. The motion was lost and the report adopted. See report.

C. A. King nominated the following brethren for the Conference Board of Stewards for the ensuing year: G. B. Hines, J. W. Hervey, Hy. H. McCain, J. A. Christian, J. W. Lively, J. R. Basket.

INTRODUCTIONS—The following persons were introduced to the Conference:

E. R. Graham, of the Book Concern, who made a report of the Book Concern work full of encouragement, and urged the pastors to be loyal to the Book Concern, which was enthusiastically received.

Miss Luella Pierce and Miss Anna Cady, deaconesses from the Epworth Evangelistic Institute of St. Louis.

Rev. E. L. Reese, pastor of the United Brethren Church.

Mrs. Kate Wilkins, State President of the Louisiana W. C. T. U., Mrs. Vie H. Campbell, National W. C. T. U. organizer.

Report of American Bible Society, F. D. Van Valkenburg. See Report.

Report of Committee on State of the Church, E. R. Houck. See Report.

Report on Temperance, Hy. H. McCain, for W. E. Garrison. See Report.

Report on Epworth League. C. F. Hunter. See Report.

Report of Laymen on tithing and temperance read by Hy. H. McCain. See Report.

Moved that resolutions of Laymen on tithing and temperance be adopted, edited and printed in the minutes; Carried.

Report on Book Concern and Periodical, J. W. Hervey. See Report.

Report on Foreign Missions, Louis May. See Report.

Report on Home Missions and Church Extension, C. A. King. See Report.

Report on Sunday School and Tracts, J. A. Carruth. See Report.

Report on Sabbath Observance, J. A. Carruth. See Report.

Presiding Elder Hines represented Guitano Vital, the Italian preacher, and moved that he be admitted on trial in the Studies of the First Year; Carried.

The case of C. E. Roberts was represented by Presiding Elder McCain, who moved that his orders as Local Deacon be recognized.

Report of Committee on Conference Relations, W. C. Mann. In case of N. H. Oliver, moved that N. H. Oliver be placed on the Supernumerary list; Carried.

At this time Bro. Hugg, on behalf of the Brethren of the Conference, made a fitting speech and presented J. W. Lively, retiring Presiding Elder, with a handsome traveling bag.

Bro. Lively received it gladly and said he was coming to see us.

Report of Treasurer by Districts, B. W. Hugg. See Tables.

Presiding Elder McCain nominated J. W. Hervey for Statistical Secretary. He was elected.

Moved that Pastors be requested to get their statistical reports to the Secretary at least ten days before Conference, Carried.

C. A. King nominated Conference Board of Church Extension as follows:

Pastor at Lake Charles, President, C. A. King, Secretary and treasurer, T. T. Taylor, W. P. Dunn, G. B. Woolman, C. E. Scott, W. E. Cline, B. F. Deaton, Pastors at Welsh and Jeninngs, and the Presiding Elders.

Report of Statistical Secretary, W. C. Mann. See Tables.

Resolutions from other Conferences were considered.

The following Resolution from Holston Conference was read by G. B. Hines and on motion of C. F. Hunter was adopted. See Resolution.

The Resolution from the New York Conference relating to elective Presiding Eldership, and on motion of E. R. Houck was tabled.

The Rock River Conference recommended separating Sunday Schools from other benevolences, and on motion this resolution was adopted. See Resolution.

Resolution recommending Veteran Ministers' Relief Association was presented by Hy. H. McCain, and on motion was adopted. See Resolution.

After singing the Doxology, the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at appointed time, Bishop Burt in the chair.

Minutes of the morning session were read and after correction were adopted.

Report of Committee on Education was read by J. A.

Christian. See Report.

The Bishop made some appreciative remarks in behalf of Ft. Worth University.

Presiding Elder McCain read the names of the Examiners for the year. See plan of Examination.

J. W. Hervey was apointed to preach the Missionary sermon and J. A. Christian as alternate.

Report on Resolutions was read by F. D. Van Valkenburg. See Report.

The reports were adopted by paragraphs.

By motion the Conference recommended that the Evangelistic Services be continued next year.

By motion the letter from the Anti-Saloon League was ordered to be incorporated in the report of the Committee on Temperance.

J. A. Christian moved that the "Memorial" relative to restoring the "Time Limit" be disapproved by this Conference. Motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION:—H. A. Wood of the Hudsonian Institute was introduced.

Rev. P. A. Drown of the Central Ohio Conference gave a brief history account of his relation with this Conference and of his present experience. The Conference sang one stanza of "How Firm A Foundation."

C. F. Hunter represented the Methodist Review and The Advocate-Journal and spoke of our interest we should have in these papers.

Motion prevailed that this Conference request the Board of Bishops to return Bishop Burt to us next year.

It was moved, that after the devotional services, the reading of the minutes and reading the Appointments the Conference adjourn Sine Die. Motion prevailed.

[Signed] WILLIAM BURT, Presiding Bishop.
JAMES R. BASKET, Secretary.

Official Certification.

This Certifies that the printed Journal Proceedings, Reports and Resolutions are made the official Record of the Gulf Annual Conference, Fifth Session; held at Jennings, La., Dec. 19-22, 1907.

JAMES R. BASKET, Secretary.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION ONE—Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference? None.

QUESTION TWO—Who have been re-admitted? None.

QUESTION THREE—Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches? G. L. Harper, Elders' Orders, from Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

QUESTION FOUR—Who have been received on trial? (a) In studies of First Year? R. T. Pynes, Charles M. Brown, Cuthbert L. Elliott, W. H. Germany, J. A. Webb, J. D. Pointer, J. W. Faulk, Alexander McDow, G. Harper, Guitano Vital. (b) In studies of Third Year? Delos H. Cassels.

QUESTION FIVE—Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of the First Year? None. (b) In studies of Second Year? Robert L. Weldon, Thomas F. Swanson. (c) In studies of Third Year? None. (d) In studies of Fourth Year? None.

QUESTION SIX—Who have been discontinued? Raleigh R. Smith, William J. Wood.

QUESTION SEVEN—Who have been admitted into full Membership? (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year? None. (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously? None.

QUESTION EIGHT—What Members are in Studies of Third year? (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year? None. (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously? None.

QUESTION NINE—What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? Louis May, John A. Carruth, Thomas E. Webb.

QUESTION TEN—What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study? (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year? James F. Ragsdale. (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously? None.

QUESTION ELEVEN—What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers? None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule? J. A. Webb, J. D. Pointer, R. T. Pynes, W. H. Germany, C. L. Elliott, J. W. Faulk, C. M. Brown, Alexander McDow. (c) Under Seminary Rule? None.

QUESTION TWELVE—What others have been elected and Ordained Elders? (a) As Local Deacons? None. (b) Under Missionary Rule? None. (c) Under Seminary Rule? None.

QUESTION THIRTEEN—Was the character of each Preacher examined? This was strictly done in open Conference as the name of each Preacher was called.

QUESTION FOURTEEN—Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences? M. C. Hickman, to Oklahoma Conference; John W. Neil, to Austin Conference

QUESTION FIFTEEN—Who have died? None.

QUESTION SIXTEEN—Who have been located at their own request? None.

QUESTION SEVENTEEN—Who have been located? None.

QUESTION EIGHTEEN—Who have withdrawn? John W. Paul, Isaac J. Coppage.

QUESTION NINETEEN—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints? None.

QUESTION TWENTY—Who have been expelled? None.

QUESTION TWENTY-ONE—What other personal notation should be made? The Orders of E. A. Furgeson, Allie Irick and C. E. Roberts, from the Church of Christ, were recognized as Local Deacons.

QUESTION TWENTY-TWO—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? P. J. Robideau, C. A. King, B. F. Deaton, N. H. Oliver.

QUESTION TWENTY-THREE—Who are the Superannuated Preachers? Thomas Wilson, Julian Woodson, F. D. Van Valkenburg.

QUESTION TWENTY-FOUR—Who are the Triers of Appeals? C. A. King, J. W. Lively, Hy. H. McCain, G. B. Hines, J. A. Christian.

TWENTY-FIVE—What is the statistical report for this year? See tabulated statements.

QUESTION TWENTY-SIX—What is the aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference as reported by the Conference Treasurer? Three Thousand One Hundred and Nineteen Dollars.

QUESTION TWENTY-SEVEN—What are the claims on the Conference Fund? Five Hundred Dollars.

QUESTION TWENTY-EIGHT—What has been received on these claims? Four Hundred and Eighty Dollars. See Treasurer's Report.

QUESTION TWENTY-NINE—Where are the Preachers stationed? See Appointments.

QUESTION THIRTY—Where shall the next Conference be held? Hammond, Louisiana.



Appointments of Gulf Conference for 1908.

MARSHALL DISTRICT
Hy. H. McCAIN, PRESIDING ELDER,
P. O. Hughes Springs, Texas.

Angeline	To be Supplied
Atlanta and Jefferson.....	J. Allen Webb
Beckville	R. T. Pynes
Hughes Springs	T. E. Webb
Laport and Texas City	W. H. Germany
Longstreet	To be Supplied
Marshall	J. A. Christian
Neuville and Center.....	To be Supplied
Noonday and Coffeeeville.....	George L. Harper
Overton and Longview Junction	To be Supplied
Polk.....	To be Supplied
Port Arthur.....	C. F. Hunter
Santa Fe	C. L. Elliott

Shelbyville.....	R. L. Weldon
Terrell and Greeneville.....	To be Supplied
Winsboro and Hopkins	Charles M. Brown
Woodville.....	T. F. Swanson

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT
G. B. HINES, PRESIDING ELDER,
P. O. Lake Charles, La.

Auburn and Smithdale	Delos H. Cassells
Bayou Chene	N. L. Sayers
Crowley.....	Louis May
Ebenezer and Vermillion	James F. Ragsdale
Estherwood and Gueydan	Supplied by. L. L. Spinks
Gloster.....	J. D. Pointer
Gloster Circuit.....	To be Supplied
Hammond.....	E. B. Crump
Iowa and Bell City	To be Supplied
Jennings	James R. Basket
Kinder and Oakdale.....	To be Supplied
Kinder Mission Supplied by Wm. Bennett, J. J. Bowman, Asst	
Lake Charles.....	E. R. Houck
Lutcher	B. W. Hugg
New Orleans, St. Charles Ave.....	J. W. Hervey
New Orleans, Italian Mission.....	Guitano Vital
Raymond.....	Supplied by Dan Hayes
Welsh.....	J. A. Carruth

RED RIVER DISTRICT
W. C. MANN, PRESIDING ELDER
P. O. Hughes Springs, TEXAS.

Alexandria and Winfield.....	J. W. Lively
Jena and Georgetown	To be Supplied
Liyonia	Supplied by J. A. Martin
Orange.....	Alexander McDowell
Poland and Saline	Supplied by L. E. Crooks
Provencal	J. W. Faulk
Shreveport.....	To be Supplied
St Maurice and Bulah.....	Supplied by J. A. Youngblood
Vivian	To be Supplied

Special Appointments.

J. W. Lively, Agent for "Preachers' Fund" and "Gulf Conference Seminary".

W. E. Harrison, Professor in Meridian Male College, member of Gloster Quarterly Conference.

Wm. R. Chase, Conference Evangelist, member of St. Charles Ave. Quarterly Conference, 1415 Fair Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.



Conference Boards.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

C. A. King, President and Treasurer; E. R. Houck, Secretary; J. W. Lively, G. B. Hines, Hy. H. McCain, J. R. Basket, J. A. Christian, J. W. Hervey.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

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TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON.

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Standing Committees for 1908.

American Bible Society.

F. D. Van Valkenburg, Jas. F. Ragsdale, Louis May.

Book Concern and Periodicals.

J. W. Hervey, John Faulk.

Home Mission and Church Extension.

C. A. King, J. R. Basket, N. L. Sayers.

Foreign Missions.

Louis May, W. C. Mann, T. F. Swanson.

Education.

Jas. A. Christian, B. W. Hugg, J. A. Webb.

Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society.

N. H. Oliver, C. A. King, J. A. Christian.

Epworth League.

Chas. F. Hunter, Wm. Hebert, J. D. Pointer.

Episcopal Fund.

The Presiding Elders.

Conference Relations.

W. C. Mann, J. R. Basket, J. A. Carruth.

Auditing.

J. R. Basket, J. A. Christian, A. McDow.

Public Worship.

The Pastor and Presiding Elders.

Resolutions.

F. D. Van Valkenburg, N. L. Spink.

Memoirs.

N. H. Oliver, P. J. Robideaux, J. Woodson.

Sabbath Observance.

J. A. Carruth, R. T. Pynes, Wm. Bennett.

State of the Church.

E. R. Houck, Chas. Hunter, J. W. Hervey, J. A. Christian.

Sunday School and Tracts.

J. W. Hervey, J. A. Carruth, R. T. Pynes, C. M. Brown.

Temperance.

W. E. Harrison, J. T. James.

Publishing Conference Minutes.

The Secretaries.

Chronological Roll.

NOTE:--The figures on right indicate the year of admission into Travelling Connection. The exponent figures denotes the number of years the pastor has served the charge.

Year	Name	Nativity	Address
1902	Basket, James R.....4	Tennessee	Jennings, La.
1904	Carruth, J. A.....2	Mississippi	Welsh, La.
1888	Chase, Wm. R.....	Ohio.....	Columbus, Ohio.
1900	Christian, J. A.....2	Louisiana	Marshall, Texas.
	Crawford, R. L.....	Louisiana	
1879	Deaton, B. F.....	Tennessee	Lake Charles, La.
1902	Harrison, W. E.....	Louisiana.....	Meridian, Miss.
1903	Hervey, J. W.....1	Texas.....	1573 Calliope St. N. O., La.
1900	Hines, G. B.....2	Texas.....	Lake Charles, La.
1897	Houck, E. R.....2	Illinois	Lake Charles, La.
	Hunter, C. F.....2	Tennessee.....	Port Arthur, Texas.
1902	Hugg, B. W.....2	New Jersey.....	Lutcher, La.
1898	James, J. T.....	Virginia.....	Staunton, Va.
1859	King, C. A.....	Maine	Lake Charles, La.
1898	Lively, J. W.....1	Arkansas	Marshall, Texas.
1902	Mann, W. C.....1	Texas	Hughes Spr'gs, Tex.
1903	May, Louis.....1	Louisiana.....	Crowley, La.
1900	McCain, Hy. H.....5	Louisiana	Hughes Spr'gs, Tex.
1891	Oliver, N. H.....	Pennsylvania.....	Longleaf, La.
1903	Ragsdale, J. F.....1	Texas	Ebenezer, La.
1887	Robideaux, P. J.....	Canada.....	Crowley, La.
1898	Sayers, N. L.....4	Pennsylvania.....	Plaquemine, La.
1870	Van Valkenburg, F. D.	New York.....	Crowley, La.
1871	Wilson, T.....	Ireland	Sabine Pass, Texas.
1884	Woodson, J.....	Tennessee.....	Jefferson, Texas.
1904	Webb, T. E.....	Tennessee.....	Hughes Spr'gs, Tex.

Probationers SECOND YEAR.

1905	-	Swanson, T. F.....	Louisiana.....	Shelbyville, Tex.
1905	-	Weldon, R. L.....	Louisiana	Woodville, Tex.

FIRST YEAR.

1907	-	Brown, Chas. M...1	Kentucky	Winsboro, Texas.
1907	-	Elliot, C. L.....1	Ireland.....	Kirbyville, Texas.
1907	-	Faulk, J. W.....1	Louisiana.....	Provencal, La.
1907	-	Germany, W. H...1	Mississippi	Texas City, Texas.
1907	-	Harper, G. L.....1	Mississippi.....	Harleton, Texas.
1907	-	Pynes, R. T.....1	Alabama.....	Beckville, Texas.
1907	-	Webb, J. A.....1	Tennessee.....	Atlanta, Texas.
1907	-	Vital, Guitano.....1	Italy.....	New Orleans, La.

Conference Chronology.

GULF MISSION

YEAR	TIME	PLACE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
1893	Jan. 19	Jennings, La.	E. G. Andrews	C. K. Woodson
1894	Jan. 25	Lake Charles, La.	Jas. N. Fitzgerald	C. K. Woodson
1895	Jan. 24	Crowley, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1896	Jan. 23	Jennings, La.	Thos. Bowman	C. K. Woodson

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE.

1897	Jan. 21	Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1898	Feb. 3	Crowley, La.	W. X. Ninde	C. K. Woodson
1899	Feb. 2	Lake Charles, La.	S. M. Merrill	C. K. Woodson
1900	Feb. 1	Marshall, Texas	I. W. Joyce	L. W. Elkins
1901	Jan. 17	Jennings, La.	H. W. Harrison	C. W. Campbell
1902	Jan. 30	Lake Charles, La.	C. D. Foss	C. W. Campbell
1903	Feb. 5	Port Arthur, Texas	W. F. Mallalieu	C. C. Morris

GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAME	BORN	ENTERED MINISTRY		AD BISHOP	RESIDENCE
		CONFERENCE	YR.		
Thomas Bowman	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Henry White Warren	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, Ohio
Willard Francis Mallalieu	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	1884	New York, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1852	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
Daniel Ayers Goodsell	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India
Earl Cranston	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1860	1900	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell	June 1, 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Isl.
*Frank W. Warne	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Lucknow, India
David H. Moore	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1867	1896	Portland, Ore.
John W. Hamilton	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph F. Berry	May 1850	Detroit	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer	1847	Newark	1870	1904	Cincinnati, Ohio
William F. McDowell	Feb. 4, 1850	North Ohio	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Brashford	May 25, 1849	New Eng. S'th'n	1883	1904	Shanghai, China
William Burt	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerland
Luther B. Wilson	1856	Baltimore	1878	1904	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas B. Neely	1841	Philadelphia	1865	1904	Buenos Ayres, S. A.
*Isaiah B. Scott	1855	Tennessee	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia
*William F. Oldham	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan	1883	1904	Singapore, Str's Set.
*John E. Robinson	1849	South India	1874	1904	Calcutta, India
*Merriam C. Harris	1846	Japan	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan

*Missionary Bishops

Local Preachers.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

NAMES.	POSTOFFICE.
Bennett, Q. L.	Kinder, La.
Beaseley, C. C.	McComb City, Miss.
Bowman, J. J.	Jennings, La.
Carruth, S. E.	Auburn, Miss.
Carruth, H. L.	Auburn, Miss.
Copeland, S. E.	Gloster, Miss.
Clark, V. C.	Gloster, Miss.
Ditmar, G. A.	Hammond, La.
DeLord, Oscar	Plaquemine, La.
Edwards, S. W.	Gloster, Miss.
Ellis, James,	Roanoke, La.
Gilman, John,	Kinder, La.
Faulk, Harry,	Ebenezer, La.
Kenna, J. M.	Auburn, Miss.
Kenna, Hunter,	Auburn, Miss.
Kenna, Brett.	Auburn, Miss.
Lamon, Rainy,	Kinder, La.
Mann, J. K.	New Orleans, La.
McGhee, Flavius,	Auburn, Miss.
McNeal, Dan.	Gloster, Miss.
Nutt, J. M.	Jennings, La.
Palmisano, A.	New Orleans, La.
Taylor, R. S.	Gloster, Miss.
Roberts, Wm.	Johnson's Station, Miss.
Spindler, C. G.	Gloster, Miss.
Wilkinson, C. V.	Gloster, Miss.
Wood, H. A.	Auburn, Miss.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Archer, J. G.	Avinger, Tex.
Black, J. M.	Hallville, Tex.

Bates, Robert H.	Canyon City, Tex.
Calloway, B. C.	Hamlin, Tex.
Campbell, G. W.	Hot, Tex.
Campbell, J. T.	Hot, Tex.
Corley, W. U.	Winsboro, Tex.
Denning, J. F.	Troup, Tex.
Ellington, J. J.	Shelbyville, Tex.
Faulkner, H. L.	Plainview, Tex.
Fry, J. L.	Arlington, Tex.
Goodwyn, Robert	Halbert, Tex.
Hodges, Allen R. (L. E.)	Marshall Tex.
Hughes, H. R. (L. D.)	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Irick, Allie	Lamasco, Tex.
Trick, Solomon	Lamasco, Tex.
Kelly, O. B.	Portalis, N. M.
Kistler, Ralph P.	Peniel, Tex.
Langley, Davis L.	Beckville, Tex.
LaGrone, Chas. H.	Deadwood, Tex.
Matthews, Sam H.	Neuville, Tex.
McBride, J. B. (L. D.)	Peniel, Tex.
McGregor, Robt. B.	Ruskin Cave, Tenn.
Neill, A. J.	Beaumont, Tex.
Petty, Sam F.	Harleton, Tex.
Pierce, P. L.	Peniel, Tex.
Richie, E. T.	Como, Tex., R. No. 3.
Robinson, "Bud"	Peniel, Tex.
Roberts, C. E.	Pilot Point, Tex.
Roberts, J. F.	Pilot Point, Tex.
Schmelzenbach, H. F.	Peniel, Tex., (Africa)
Simpson, F. M.	Deadwood, Tex.
Strother, W. W.	Des Arc, Mo.
Wallen, Henry B.	Peniel, Tex.
Williams, F. B.	Tanks, Tex.
Wilton, J.	Greenville, Tex.

Sunday School Superintendents.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Allbrittin, John	Lufkin, Tex.
Burchfield, Mrs.	Texas City, Tex.
Baker, Mrs. Marion,	Logan, Tex.
Covey, W. M.	Daingerfield, Tex.
Crump, W. S.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Crowley, John	Harleton, Tex.
Campbell, G. W.	Hot, Tex.
Dickard, F. E.	Hallville, Tex.
Ellington, W. D.	Shelbyville, Tex.
Estes, J. R.	Winsboro, Tex.
Hill, D. C.	Winsboro, Tex.
Hughes, Mrs. A. B.	Atlanta, Tex.
Hughes, Enos.	Shelbyville, Tex.
Hovey, L. G.	La Porte, Tex.
Hooton, W. M.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Hussey, J. G.	Daingerfield, Tex.
Longshore, W. T.	Beckville, Tex.
LaGrone, Thos. H.	Deadwood, Tex.
Palmer, C. V.	Port Arthur, Tex.
Preswood, Vol.	Murvaul, Tex.
Royal, W. G.	Marshall, Tex.
Richie, J. A.	Coffeeville, Tex.
Rice, C. N.	Leggett, Tex.
Shine, Dr. U. H.	Hortense, Tex.
Stewart, J. M.	Colmesneil, Tex.
Still, R. G.	Overton, Tex.
Trotter, A. W.	Boxwood, Tex.
Woodson, Rev. J.	Jefferson, Tex.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Atkins, Bert.	.....	.....	Lutcher, La.
Black, E. T.	.....	.....	New Orleans, La.
Cassels, J. F.	.....	.....	Gloster, Miss.
Crismon, E. B.	.....	.....	China, La.
Cronk, A. G.	.....	.....	Gueydan, La.
DeLord, Oscar,	.....	.....	Plaquemine, La.
Duhon, Augustine,	.....	.....	Crowley, La.
Each, William,	.....	.....	Iowa, La.
Faulk, Harry,	.....	.....	Ebenezer, La.
Gerald, E. W.	.....	.....	Smithdale, Miss.
Graham, A. A.	.....	.....	Hammond, La.
Hays, Dallas,	.....	.....	Bell City, La.
Hoffpauir, Ivy,	.....	.....	Bell City, La.
Jaenke, F. R.	.....	.....	Jennings, La.
Kenna, J. M.	.....	.....	Auburn, Miss.
Ritter, Jake,	.....	.....	Jennings, La.
Raspberry, Mrs. Wm.	.....	.....	Oakdale, La.
Theroit, Mrs. Sallie,	.....	.....	Bayou Chene, La.
Taylor, T. T.	.....	.....	Lake Charles, La.
Williams, R. S.	.....	.....	Johnson's Station, La.
Willard, E. C.	.....	.....	Welsh, La.

Conference Program

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

9:00-11:30 a. m.; 1:30-4:30 p. m.—Examination of Students.
7:30 a. m.—Pentecostal Services, Rev. Joseph H. Smith.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional Services led by Bishop Burt, followed by the Lord's Supper.
9:30-11:30—Organization and Business Session.
2:00-3:00 p. m.—Statistical Session.
3:00 p. m.—Pentecostal Services, Rev. Joseph H. Smith.
7:30—Pentecostal Services, Dr. J. P. Brushingham.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 DAY OF TARRYING.

6:00 a.m.—Sunrise Prayer Meeting led by C. E. Roberts.
8:30—Devotional Services led by the Bishop.
9:00-11:30—Business Session.
2:30-4:00 p. m.—Pentecostal Services, Joseph H. Smith.
4:00-5:00—Joint Session of Annual and Lay Conferences.
7:30—Pentecostal Services, Dr. J. P. Brushingham.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21.

8:30 a. m.—Devotional Services led by the Bishop.
9:00-11:30—Business Session.
2:30 p. m.—Pentecostal Services, Rev. Joseph H. Smith.
4:00-5:00—Closing Business Session.
7:30—Sermon by Bishop William Burt, followed by Ordination of Deacons and Elders and Reading the Appointments.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22.

6:30 a. m.—Sunrise Prayer Meeting led by J. A. Webb.
 9:30-11:00—Annual Love Feast led by Walter E. Harrison.
 11:00—Sermon by Dr. J. P. Brushingham.
 3:00 p. m.—Pentecostal Services, Joseph H. Smith.
 7:30—Pentecostal Services led by Joseph H. Smith, followed
 by a Missionary Address by Dr. R. E. McClean, Field
 Agent of The Missionary Society for the Southern
 White Conferences.

Certificate of Ordination

This is to Certify, that on December 21, 1907, at Jennings, La., I ordained, as Deacons, under the Missionary Rule, J. A. Webb, J. D. Pointer, R. T. Pynes, W. H. Germany, Cuthbert L. Elliot, J. W. Faulk, C. M. Brown, and Alexander McDow and at the same time and place assisted by Elders, I ordained as Elder, James F. Ragsdale. All of these having been duly elected by the Gulf Annual Conference.

[Signed] WILLIAM BURT, Bishop
 Done at Jennings, La., Dec. 21, 1907.

Plan of Examination

	Examiner.	Admission.	First Year.	Second Yr.	Third Yr.	Fourth Yr.
1	Basket, J. R...	Discipline.....	Sermon.....		Stewart....	
2	Christain, J. A.	Hill & Swinton		Essay.....	Sermon....	Fisher III...
3	Harrison, W. E.	Sermon.....	Harmon I.....	Harman II.		Essay
4	Hervey, J. W...	El. English...	Kern	Greene ...		
5	Hines, G. B....	Blaike.		Jevons.....		Fisher, "F".
6	Houck, E. R...	Plain Account.			Terry.....	Butler.....
7	Hugg, B. W....		Miley I.....	Miley II...	Hurst I....	Hurst II....
8	Mann, W. C....	Wesley, Meth...	Montgomery..		Fisher I.II.	
9	McCain, H. H.	Banks.....			Ladd.....	Smyth.....

RULES OF EXAMINATION.

- I. List of Questions shall be prepared by each Examiner and endorsed with the title of the text book, and the name and address of the Examiner, and sent to the Registrar, for filing.
- II. Each Examiner shall retain one copy of his own Questions.
- III. Each Examiner shall send all grades promptly to the Registrar and students.
- IV. The attention of all students is called to Paragraph 63. Sec. I. and 3, on page 431. Discipline 1904.
- V. Each student is required to give a written statement to the Registrar that he has read the books required in the course of study.
- VI. All essays and sermons must be in the hands of the Examiners at least thirty days before Conference.
- VII. There shall be no "Special Examinations" except in most urgent cases, and then only by a member of the Board delegated by the Chairman.
- VIII. There shall be two mid-year Examinations during the year. One in the Spring at the time and place of the respective District Ministerial Institutes, at which time students will be required to bring up a portion of the course of study. The other in the Fall, in a location convenient to the students. These examinations shall be under the personal supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the Chairman.

E. R. Houck, Registrar,
Lake Charles, La.

W. C. MANN, Chairman,
Hughes Springs, Tex.

Reports.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The American Bible Society is one of the grandest institutions in the world for the futherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both Home and Foreign Missionary Fields.

Therefore, Resolved, First, That as a Conference we renew our efforts in behalf of this great cause.

Second, That we will take collections on our several charges and forward the same to the said Society early in the year.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURG, Chairman.

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

Your Committee has examined the accounts of the Presiding Elders and the Secretary and found them to be as follows:

G. B. Hines' account balance. H. H. McCain's account balance. J. W. Lively's account shows that he has paid out more than required. J. R. Basket's account shows that he has a balance of \$10.53 on hand.

J. A. CHRISTIAN, Chairman.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

"America for Christ." This is the problem the Board is now endeavoring to lay before the Church.

America with her unlimited resources; her advanced civilization, her free institutions, belongs to Christ.

How shall it be won for her rightful owner? This is a question intimately vitally connected with the perpetuity of our Government.

Shall we be Christians and continue to exist as a free people, enjoying the blessings of free Government? Or shall we drift away from God into unbelief and consequently into moral decay and death?

We are sure that the combining of the Church Extension and Home Missions was a happy thought and must have the Divine approval set upon it.

Their interests are inter-dependent and especially are they so in the Gulf Conference. The help coming from the Home Missionary Society enables the pioneer to go out into the highway and hedges telling of a Christ able to save. The assistance from the Church Extension enables the messenger to erect a place of worship for the fruit of his labor.

Your Committee has nothing but the heartiest approval for these two noble interests of the church, and we bespeak from our pastors the loyal support for the same.

C. A. KING, Chairman.

BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS.

Recognizing the fact that our Book Concern can secure any book for us and that our papers, magazines and Sunday School literature and our periodicals are second to none, we urge that all of our preachers and people purchase all their books from the Concern; that our Sunday Schools use our own literature and that our pastors use their best influence to secure the circulation of our Advocate family among our people.

We recommend that the Hymnal prepared by the Joint Commission be used, as far as practicable, in all our churches and Sunday Schools.

In particular, we recommend to all our people the Central Christian Advocate and the Advocate Journal.

The Methodist Review, as one of the leading magazines of religious thought, should find a place on the desk of all our preachers.

J. W. HERVEY, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

The intelligence of a people is the measure of their freedom.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is blessed in her sound application of scholarship.

She now has splendid schools and great scholars, and these are prized as potent factors in her progress.

Learning is constantly becoming more general and Methodism is a vital force in this aspect of the world's advance.

We rejoice in the great work our educational society has done and is doing.

This Board assisted about 2000 students last year, \$108,-000 being loaned to these students.

We recommend that our people study the order of the Last General Conference regarding the consolidation of these two Benevolences, the plan adopted by the Board of Education and our duty complying therewith.

Your Committee would call special attention to the educational interests with reference to our Church work in the South.

The work of the pastor demands that he be mentally as well as Spiritually equipped.

Our preachers and children should be educated in Methodist schools.

At present, we have no academic school within our reach.

Your committee calls special attention to the probable possibility of locating an academy within the bounds of our Conference.

We recommend to all our people Ft. Worth University. In her we have a school under the University Senate with a curriculum equal to the state Universities.

We believe there ought to be a preacher's course provided in Ft. Worth University for our young ministry. By this means we would avoid the necessity of going to independent schools.

It is our duty to be loyal to all of our church schools.

We urge that our pastors take a collection in every charge and that they bestir themselves and their people to a just interest in the matter of education.

J. A. CHRISTIAN, Chairman.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has always been a Missionary Church. From her birth she has enjoyed a constant vigorous Missionary spirit and achievement.

The Gulf Conference ranks among the first, of her size, in Foreign Missionary contributions.

But however much done in the past, the demands at present are more urgent than ever, since new fields are being opened and greater opportunities are presenting themselves.

Therefore, we urge that our pastors be very diligent in presenting this cause to our people. "The fields are already white unto harvest" and the laborers are few.

Louis May, Chairman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Inasmuch as the desecration of the Sabbath is one of the most prevalent sins throughout our Country, and because it is engaged in by various classes with seeming impunity, we therefore recommend that each of our pastors preach, at least, one sermon on Sabbath observance during the year.

We also recommend that our pastors warn the people unsparingly of the danger of violating the Holy Commandment of God, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy."

J. A. CARRUTH, Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACTS.

We recognize the fact that the Sunday School is a part of the Church. That which affects the Sunday School affects the Church.

We therefore, recommend that our Sunday School Boards use the greatest care in the selection of Literature for their schools. We believe there are no better Sunday School publications than those published by our Book Concern and we therefore recommend their universal use.

Therefore, we recommend First, That each pastor secure a copy of the report of our Tract Society and a catalog of our own publications; Second, That he secure and give out tracts; Third, That he take an offering for this cause in each Church.

J. W. HERVEY, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

For the recent Prohibition victories gained in many of our states, and the rising tide of Temperance sentiment sweeping over this Southland, we give thanks to God. We trust the time will soon come when Prohibition will be written across the map of every Southern state.

We rejoice with the people of Georgia, Oklahoma and Alabama in their victories over the liquor traffic, and do now put ourselves on record as being determined to do all in our power to bring about similar victories in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

"The Saloon must go." To that end we shall preach and pray and vote. We are against, not only whatever intoxicates, but also tobacco in all of its forms. We shall show our disfavor by precept and example.

We commend the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League for their effort against the liquor traffic. We commend the Calcasieu Parish Prohibition Executive Committee for its enterprise in launching "The Louisiana Search Light" and we recommend it to our people as worthy of their patronage.

We call special attention to the following letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the National Anti-Saloon League: To the Gulf Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church,

Greeting—Our National Anti-Saloon Convention for 1907 held its sessions at Norfolk, Virginia, September 16-19, having met earlier than usual this year because of the Jamestown Exposition, and by an amendment to our constitution the next convention is deferred until two years hence; the particular time and place to be determined by our National Headquarters Committee.

Bishop Wilson was unanimously re-elected President of the League, and although he was absent from the Convention attending Conferences, his influence was felt and manifested there.

The news of state-wide prohibition in Oklahoma and of numerous local victories came to us at Norfolk and rendered the meeting more enthusiastic, if possible, than usual, while the reports of progress from every part of the country were highly encouraging.

With best wishes for your present Conference, I have the honor to be,

Your brother and servant against the saloon,

Jas. L. EWIN,

Corresponding Secretary.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That so far as practicable we will make a special effort to have our congregations and Sunday Schools observe the Fourth of July of each year as a day consecrated to the promotion of the temperance reform; that we will especially seek to interest our children and young people in this movement; that, with songs, music, speeches and various services in our churches, public halls, or groves, we will strive to promote the proper and Christian celebration of the Birthday of the Nation in the cultivation of a sound temperance revival; and finally that we invite the co-operation of all religious bodies, temperance organizations, Young People's Societies of whatever name, and all churches, Sunday Schools, pastors, patriots and philanthropists, in this effort to save our nation from the curse of drink.

W. E. HARRISON, Chairman.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We are grateful to God for the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ which he instituted while here upon earth, and now, after nineteen centuries, in spite of earth's malice and hell's undying wrath, stands as a city set upon a hill whose light cannot be hid and continues to increase its power and influence over the hearts and lives of men. Our own beloved church stands in the front ranks of all aggressive reformatory and Spiritual movements, and is a mighty factor in the world's evangelization.

We are grateful to God for the deep spiritual life of the Gulf Conference, and the undaunted courage and ardent spirit of our preachers in proclaiming and promoting Holiness. We rejoice in the increased material prosperity of our beloved Methodism. We praise God for the increasing spiritual activity—the great tidal wave of revival spirit that has swept through the church during the past year.

There is an imperative necessity that we as preachers and people be more Christ-like, and that the holy leaven may yet leaven the whole lump and that the True Light may yet illuminate every darkened corner of our beloved land, yea of the whole world. We greatly appreciate the work that has been accomplished thruout world-wide Methodism thru the agency of the Aggressive Evangelism. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we memorialize the next General Conference to provide for the continuance of this great Spiritual forward movement for the next Quadrennium.

E. R. Houck, Chairman.

Resolutions.

Resolved, 1st. That we the members of the Gulf Annual Conference, having been permitted to enjoy the ministrations of Bishop William Burt hereby express our sincere appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the temporal economy of the Church and of his clear and forcible presentation of the great truths for which our Church stands.

2d. We extend our thanks to the open hearted hospitable people of Jennings who have welcomed us to their hearts and homes. May God's richest blessing rest upon them.

3d. Many thanks to our faithful and efficient secretaries for their painstaking labor. Their labors have been appreciated.

4th. We also wish to thank The Times-Record of Jennings; The Picayune, The Times-Democrat, The New Orleans World, of New Orleans; The Daily Press of Lake Charles; The New York Advocate and the Advocate Journal for reporting the sessions of the Conference.

5th. The members of the Gulf Conference wish to convey to the Rev. Joseph H. Smith, of Meridian Male College, and to Dr. J. P. Brushingham, their sincere thanks and ex-

press their appreciation of their searching and thrilling messages. God has owned and blessed their labors to the salvation of sinners and the edification of believers.

6th. We are grateful for courtesies extended to our body by other denominations of Jennings. Specially would we mention the kindness of Rev. I. M. Wise, pastor of the Baptist Church, for the use of his Church by the Lay Conference.

7th. We extend our thanks to the railroads for courtesies extended and the reduction of rates for those attending this session of Conference.

8th. We are glad to have among us Miss Anna M. Cady and Miss Luella Pearce, Deconesses from the Epworth Evangelist Institute. F. D. VAN VALKENBURG.

RESOLUTION.

By Henry P. Magill and W. H. Dyson of the Laymen's Association of Rock River Conference.

To Memorialize the Next General Conference to Separate the Sunday School From all Other Benevolences.

(The following Resolution was unanimously adopted by the Gulf Conference)

WHEREAS, The Last General Conference, in an effort towards the Consolidation of Benevolences, placed the great cause of Sunday Schools at the end of what we deem a very unwise combination, thus minimizing the importance, apparently, of this department of our Church from which comes by far the largest percentage of our recorded membership the inception of most of our Church Societies and approximately one-third of our missionary collections.

Resolved, That we memorialize the next General Conference to separate the Sunday School from all other Benevolences, instruct pastors to give more prominence and greater

attention to their schools, preaching at least one sermon each year on the subject, and order that Annual Conferences provide in their programmes an anniversary services for every session.

Resolved Further, That the President and Secretary of this Laymen's Association of the Rock River Conference, be, and they hereby are, instructed to publish this action as widely as possible in the Church papers; send copies of this preamble and Resolution to each of the Bishops with the request that they embody the substance of the same in their address to the next General Conference; reinforced in such manner as they think best, and send copies to each Annual Conference in Methodism and to every Laymen's Association asking them to concur in this action, advising us that they have done so.

The following resolution from the Austin Conference was adopted unanimously by the Gulf Conference:

WHEREAS, The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth is the best institution known. She is ordained of God and should represent a splendidly managed business modeled to pattern by. God so ordained it.

WHEREAS, If our people would tithe there would be no lack of funds for the support of the Church or the spread of the Gospel. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That, we, the Laymen of Austin Conference in conference assembled, will inform ourselves on this subject and endeavor or return to the plan of financing as God intended, and pay our tithe into His Treasury.

Resolved further, We will encourage the organization of tithing bands in the Churches throughout the Austin Conference.

Resolved further, That the saloon is the greatest enemy of the Church of God, and that the removal of this curse must and can be done by the Church.

Furthermore, we believe the Church, by co-operation in some definite plan, can accomplish this great work now. We believe the Christian people are not as well united as they should be, and therefore request our delegate to put forth

his best effort to get the General Conference to take the initiative toward uniting all Churches, temperance societies, third party men, etc., on some one plan for concerted action. Let the Church call a great Conference if they think best.

The following Resolution from the Holston Conference was adopted by the Gulf Annual Conference:

WHEREAS, the fundamental idea in the Methodist Episcopacy is that of an itinerant general superintendency; and

WHEREAS, that superintendency, as declared from the first in our Book of Discipline, and as exemplified by Wesley and Ashbury, meant that the duty of the Bishop was to travel through the connection at large, visiting the circuits and the districts in the country as well as the larger towns and cities and thus exercising a superintending discretion and care over the work at large; and,

WHEREAS, such superintendency, through the course of years and by the vast expansion of our work, has well nigh passed out of use; and,

WHEREAS, such superintendency is desired by the preachers and the people, and is demanded by the interests and necessities of our work today, not less, but more, if possible, than ever before; and,

WHEREAS, our Bishops of the present day, apparently feeling bound by a custom coming down to them from their predecessors in this sacred office, are constrained to redistribute the Conferences among themselves from year to year for visitation and supervision; and,

WHEREAS, under this method of administration it is not practicable for any one of our Bishops to make his superintendency sufficiently continuous in any given locality or section of the country to meet the urgent necessities of the work; and,

WHEREAS, It cannot be expected that the Bishops will ever feel at liberty to adopt a more effective method until the church, through the General Conference, shall give liberty and instruction to do so; therefore,

Resolved, by the Holston Conference that we present this memorial to the General Conference to assemble at Baltimore in May 1908, to the following effect, namely:

1. That the General Conference request the Board of Bishops at their next meeting to assign to each effective Bishop the Conferences contiguous to the place of his episcopal residence, as far as may be practicable, and thereafter during the quadrennium to assign the same Bishop to the same Conference, at least three years out of four, as far as this may be compatible with the other interests of the Church work.
2. That the General Conference request that each Bishop, in the exercise of his episcopal supervision, "travel at large" through the Conference assigned to him in the territory contiguous to the place of his episcopal residence and thus carry into effect the original idea and "plan of our itinerant general superintendency" by actually superintending the work thus placed under his special care.
3. This memorial does not contemplate or involve anything bordering on a dioceasan episcopacy, or anything to the contrary to the "plan of our Itinerant General Superintendency." It rather seeks to restore it to its original effectiveness and to preserve it in its primitive integrity. Each Bishop thus assigned to a group of Conferences, and "travelling at large" and exercising a special superintendency over the work in that Conference, the entire Church would receive a kind and measure of episcopal service and supervision which it everywhere needs, but has scarcely known for many years, such superintendency as the early Bishops of Methodism gave, and such as our plan contemplates.

Missionary Appropriations.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

District .....	.....	\$400.00
Angilina .....	.....	70.00
Atlanta and Jefferson .....	.....	140.00
Beckville .....	.....	125.00
Hughes Springs .....	.....	140.00
LaPorte and Texas City .....	.....	115.00
Longstreet .....	.....	80.00
Marshall .....	.....	110.00
Noonday and Coffeeville .....	.....	60.00
Neuville and Center .....	.....	110.00
Overton and Longview Jc .....	.....	80.00
Polk .....	.....	80.00
Port Arthur .....	.....	165.00
Santa Fe .....	.....	120.00
Terrell and Greenville .....	.....	100.00
Winnsboro and Hopkins .....	.....	100.00
Woodville .....	.....	80.00
Total,		\$2075.00

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

District .....	.....	\$275.00
Auburn and Smithdale .....	.....	100.00
Bayou Chene .....	.....	200.00
Estherwood and Gueydan .....	.....	90.00
Gloster .....	.....	80.00
Gloster Ct .....	.....	50.00
Iowa and Bell City .....	.....	100.00
Kinder and Oakdale .....	.....	100.00
Kinder Ct .....	.....	100.00
St. Charles Ave .....	.....	275.00
Crowley .....	.....	250.00
Raymond and China .....	.....	80.00
Lutcher .....	.....	100.00
Ebenezer .....	.....	66.00
Total,		\$1866.00

RED RIVER DISTRICT.

District	\$600.00
Alexander and Winfield	200.00
Orange	125.00
Poland and Bulah	105.00
Provencal	100.00
Saline and St. Maurice	105.00
Vivian.	<u>125.00</u>
Total, \$1360.00	

Approved by BISHOP WILLIAM BURT.

Board of Stewards.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To Interest on Permanent Fund	\$ 31.28
“ Collections from Charges	183.38
“ Draft from Book Concern	225.00
“ Draft Charter Fund	22.00
	<u>\$461.66</u>

CR.

To J. T. James	\$190.00
“ Julian Woodson	125.00
“ F. D. Van Valkenburg	75.00
“ B. F. Deaton	75.00
	<u>\$465.00</u>

C. A. KING, President and Treasurer.

STATISTICS NO. 1.

MARSHALL DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1907.

RED RIVER DISTRICT.

Jena and Georgetown, La.														
Livonia, La.		II	I				I	4	18	I	600			
Poland, La.	8	70	I	2	II		I	5	15	2	2200	I	500	
Provincial, La.	2	54	I			I3				I	500			
Saline, La.	2	57					I	5	10	I	250			
St. Maurice, La.				[7]	I1									
Shreveport, La.														
Vernon, La.	3	48	3			3	2	8	45					
Vivian, La.	7	125	I	I		7				I	700			
Total.		22	372	8	3	II	23	5	22	88	6	4250	I	500

STATISTICS NO. 1.. (CONTINUED.)

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.			
	No. Probationers	No. Full Members	No. L ¹ Preachers.	No. Deaths	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Churches.	No. of Parsonage's Value.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonage's Value.	Paid for Improvements.	Paid on Outdishes.	Present Indebtedness.	
Auburn and Smithdale.	48	220	11	2	12	4	3	16	125	3	320	1	800	50	.....
Bayou Chene.	35	155	1	2	24	1	4	19	190	4	1950	1	1500	1	.....
Crowley.	29	20	1	1	6	1	1	5	23	1	4500	1	2000	1	140	
Ebenezer.	8	206	2	3	13	4	2	26	186	2	1800	2	600	250	.....
Estherwood and Gueydan.	1	33	1	1	13	4	1	7	20	2	2500	1	1500	1	.....
Gloster.	10	175	7	2	1	4	2	11	150	1	1500	1	1500	1	1325	
Hammond.	5	46	1	2	1	1	1	11	158	1	1500	1	1500	1	.....
Iowa and Bell City.	14	101	1	6	3	3	1	15	65	2	2500	1	2000	1	.....
Italian Mission, N. O.	13	1	3	1	6	1	1	3	20	1	5250	1	3000	1	.....
Jennings.	7	210	2	5	5	2	1	23	185	1	10000	1	3000	1	700	
Lake Charles.	18	161	1	1	5	2	1	20	200	1	10000	1	3000	1	370	
Lake Charles Circuit.	10	10	1	1	8	2	1	6	70	1	1200	1	100	100	.....
Lutcher.	1	25	1	4	4	1	1	5	85	1	2100	1	60	72	700	
New Orleans, St. Chas., Ave.	5	51	1	3	14	1	1	10	63	1	4750	1	60	300	.....
Natalbany, Kinder.	4	44	2	1	8	1	1	8	95	1	1600	1	600	1650	550	
Oakdale and Kinder.	37	46	4	2	21	4	2	26	210	2	1000	1	1500	102	86	
Raymond.	3	100	2	2	1	1	1	14	98	1	1300	1	1500	102	24	
Welsh.	3	49	1	1	46	1	1	30	227	1	4250	8	11500	3397	1477	
Total.	199	1645	33	24	107	30	5	22	1943	26	92450	1	19950	4498	1714	
Red River District.	22	372	8	3	11	23	5	22	88	6	35900	9	7950	1191	2636	
Marshall District.	172	1428	37	11	62	92	25	140	1151	23	129650	18	15700	14	4350	
GRAND TOTAL.	393	3445	78	38	180	161	60	389	3182	54	120700	14	15700	4467	1113	
LAST YEAR.	463	3300	84	25	196	179	58	387	3012	54	120700	14	15700	4250	3949	
INCREASE.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	31	401
DECREASE.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	927	.....
	70	145	6	13	16	18	2	170	1	1	8950	4	4250	31	.....

STATISTICS NO. 2.

RED RIVER DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE 1907.

	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	No. Officers and teachers who are Ch. members or Probationers.	No. Scholars, whether attendants or members in Home Dep., who are Ch. mbr. or Probats.	No. Members of S. S. Converted during yr.	Current Expenses.
NAMES OF CHARGES.									
Jena and Georgetown, La.									
Livonia, La.	1	4	18	15					
Poland, La.	1	5	15	10					
Provincial, La.									
Saline, La.	1	5	10	10					
St. Maurice, La.									
Shreveport, La.									
Vernon, La.	2	8	45	40					
Vivian, La.									
Total	5	22	88	75					
					22	48	5	23	

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Auburn and Smithdale	3	16	125	100	16	100	30	30	
Bayou Chene	4	19	190	145	19	160	30	50	
Crowley	1	5	23	16	40	5	9	51	
Ebenezer	2	26	186	60	14	25	6	20	
Estherwood	1	7	20	25				34	
Gloster	2	11	150	70					
Hammond	1	13	168	73				71	
Iowa and Bell City	3	15	65	55	35	9	6	60	
Italian Mission, N. O.	1	3	20	15				15	
Jennings	1	23	185	129				8	
Lake Charles	1	20	200	149				105	
Lake Charles Circuit	2	6	70	40				160	
Lutcher	1	5	85	45				75	
New Orleans, St Chas. Ave.	1	10	63	30	25	10	5	126	
Natalbany	1	8	85	46				30	
Oakdale and Kinder	4	26	210	175				67	
Raymond									
Welsh	1	14	58	98	4	14	50	74	
Total	30	227	1943	1231	118	197	704	169	976

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Angelina, Tex.									
Athens, Tex.									
Beckville, Tex.	2	10	60	50					
Hunt and Emory, Tex.									
Hughes Springs, Tex.	4	25	194	117	18	25	65	52	
La Porte and Texas City, Tex.	2	20	107	73		19	62	17	
Longstreet, La.	2	12	155	100		12	75	25	
Marshall, Tex.	1	12	120	70		12	25	50	
Noonday & Coffeeville, Tex.	5	12	150	100		10	75	21	
Neuville and Center, Tex.									
Overton & Longview Jun., Tex.	1	5	27	25		5	20	6	
Polk, Tex.	1	7	29	15		7	11	20	
Port Arthur, Tex.	1	12	94	69		8	29	127	
Shelbyville, Tex.	4	16	150	112		16	140	60	
Santa Fe, Tex.									
Terrell & Greenville, Tex.									
Tyler, Tex.									
Winnisboro & Hopkins, Tex.	1	4	25	20		2	10	3	
Woodville, Tex.	1	5	40	35		4	7	8	
Total	25	140	1151	786	18	130	549	111	398
Red River District	5	22	88	75		22	48	5	23
New Orleans District	30	227	1943	1231	118	197	704	169	976
GRAND TOTAL	60	389	3182	2092	136	349	1301	285	1397
LAST YEAR	58	387	3012	1908	86	332	1339	328	1071
INCREASE	2	2	170	184	50	17			326
DECREASE							38	43	

STATISTICS NO. 3.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1907.

STATISTICS NO. 3.. (CONTINUED.)

RED RIVER DISTRICT.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

STATISTICS NO. 4.

RED RIVER DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, 1907.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS

NAMES OF CHARGES	MISSIONS				Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and S. S.			Education.		Wom's Home Miss. Soc.		General Conference Expenses	
	Board of Foreign Missions		Board of H. Miss. and Ch. Extensions		Childrens Fund for Student Aid			Total		American Bible Society			
	(a) Church	(b) Special Gifts	Sunday School	not Divided	(a) Church	(b) Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sun. School	(a) Church	(b) Sun. School	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		
	(a) Church	(b) Special Gifts	Sunday School	not Divided	(a) Church	(b) Special Gifts	(a) Church	(b) Sun. School	(a) Church	(b) Sun. School	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society		
Jena and Georgetown, La.													
Livonia, La.													
Poland, La.	5				5								
Provincial, La.	5				5								
Saline, La.	2				3								
St. Maurice, La.													
Shreveport, La.													
Vernon, La.													
Vivian, La.													
Total	12				13	15				40	1	2	
												2	

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Auburn and Smithdale	30	70	2	60		2	3	1	168	3	1	3
Bayou Chene	5	5		10		1	1		21	1	2	4
Crowley		5				1	1		10	5		2
Ebenezer	12			20		3			32	2		3
Estherwood		25				20			45			
Gloster	20	140		10			7	6	183	3		3
Hammond				15				1	31	5		2
Iowa and Bell City	17			14			1	1	33	1		5
Italian Mission, N. O.	1			1			1		3	1		2
Jennings	75	268	49	129	6	17	10	15	569	8	5	23
Lake Charles	98	100	2	167		17	3		387	14	1	15
Lake Charles Circuit												10
Lutcher	5		2	7					6	20		
New Orleans, St Chas. Ave.	94			31					8	133		
Natalbany												1
Oakdale and Kinder				5					5			
Raymond	10		2	15		4	2		33	3	2	2
Welsh	68	112	22	100		4	8		314	2		2
Total	435	725	94	584	29	55	34	31	1987	26	36	46

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Angelina, Tex.	4			4								2
Athens, Tex.	6			12		1	2		21	1	1	2
Beckville, Tex.												2
Hunt and Emory, Tex.	1											
Hughes Springs, Tex.	20	194	8	40	6	4	6		272	1		7
La Porte and Texas City, Tex.	26	23		29	2	2	4		90	2		2
Longstreet, La.	7			12		1	1		21	1		2
Marshall, Tex.	15	5	39	30	6	6	1		95	2		5
Noonday & Coffeyville, Tex.	22			24	2	2	4		52	2		4
Neuville and Center, Tex.	5			2					7		1	1
Overton & Longview Jun., Tex.	5			13		1	2		21	1		2
Polk, Tex.	14	20		15					49	8	8	2
Port Arthur, Tex.	5								25			5
Shelbyville, Tex.	30	42	20	25	3	5			105	6		7
Santa Fe, Tex.	5			8					10	1		4
Terrell & Greenville, Tex.	5					1			14	1		2
Tyler, Tex.												1
Winnboro & Hopkins, Tex.	10			15		1			26	1		2
Woodville, Tex.	20		23		12	2			57	2	3	3
Total	200	287	67	257	6	33	24		874	8	12	34
Red River District	12		13	15						1	1	2
New Orleans District	435	725	94	584	29	55	34	31	1987	26	36	46
GRAND TOTAL	647	1012	161	854	50	88	58	31	2901	34	49	92

TREASURER'S REPORT.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	MISSIONS		Board of Education, Freedmen's Aid and S. S.		American Bible Society.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.		Woman's Home Missionary Society.		Total other Benevolent Collection's		General Conference Expenses.		General Conference Claimsants.		Episcopal Fund.	
	Board of Foreign Missions	S. S. not Divided.	Board of H. Miss. and Ch. Extensions	Children's Aid and S. S.	Coll. for Freedmen's Aid & S. S.	Ext.	Local Educational Interests.	Ext.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Home Missionary Society.	Ext.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Ext.	General Conference Expenses.	General Conference Claimsants.	Episcopal Fund.		
Auburn and Smithdale.....	70	30	2	60	2	4			1	5	1	2		2	2	6	5	
Bayou Chene.....	10	10	3	1	1				2					2	2	2	1	
Crowley.....	5	5	20	20	10	7	6		3					3	2	2	2	
Ebenezer and Vermillion.....	12	12												2	2	12	3	
Estherwood and Guedyan.....	25	25																
Gloster Circuit.....	22	138	15	14	1	1			5					5				
Hammond.....			143	49	129	6	17	25	8	10				10	2	3	81	
Hom Chitto.....			17	49	167	17	3	14	1					10	20			
Iowa and Bell City.....			143	200	166	2	5		6	8				1	1			
Jennings and Oakdale.....			100	98	167													
Kinder and Oakdale.....																		
Lake Charles.....																		
Lake Charles Circuit.....																		
Lutcher.....																		
New Orleans, St. Chas. Ave.				5	51	2	31	1										
N. O. Italian Mission.....				43	51													
Raymond.....				10	10	2	16	4	2	3	2	2		2	4	1	8	
Welsh.....				112	68	2	22	100	4	8	2	2		5	10	44	64	
	613	547	23	71	572	36	14	41	45	20	4	22		7	2	81	81	
	547		71	36		41			20	22	8	8			2	2	50	3
	1160	94	608	608		55			65	36	7	36		3		46	145	53

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Angelina, Tex.	4	4	12	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1
Athens, Tex.	6	6	40	4	6	2	1	1	7	7	2	2	2
Beckville, Tex.	1	1	31	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	1
Hunt and Eddy, Tex.	55	159	8	19	11	6	4	2	5	2	5	2	2
Hughes Springs, Tex.	49	49	4	12	1	1	1	1	5	4	2	2	2
La Porte and Texas City, Tex.	7	39	8	16	2	4	2	2	1	1	3	1	1
Longstreet, La.	15	5	2	13	1	2	1	1	5	2	10	10	5
Marshall, Tex.	22	5	2	16	2	4	2	2	5	4	2	2	2
Noonday & Coffeyville, Tex.	5	5	2	13	1	2	1	1	5	2	10	10	5
Neuville and Center, Tex.	5	5	2	13	1	2	1	1	5	4	2	2	2
Overton & Longview Junc., Tex.	5	20	15	6	1	1	1	1	5	4	2	2	2
Polk, Tex.	14	20	15	25	3	2	6	1	5	4	2	2	2
Port Arthur, Tex.	5	75	5	8	1	1	1	1	5	4	2	2	2
Shelbyville, Tex.	5	5	15	3	12	2	2	1	5	2	10	10	5
Santa Fe, Tex.	5	5	3	112	12	20	22	2	5	2	17	17	10
Terrill & Greenville, Tex.	5	5	3	112	12	20	22	2	5	2	17	17	10
Tyler, Tex.	10	20	39	132	112	12	20	22	6	12	3	13	22
Wimberly & Hopkins, Tex.	355	355	39	112	20	20	20	2	6	12	17	13	22
Woodville, Tex.	355	355	39	112	20	20	20	2	6	12	17	13	22
	487	487	67	244	32	24	24	8	12	12	43	82	22

RED RIVER DISTRICT.

Jena and Georgetown, La.	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Livonia, La.	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Poland, La.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Provincial La.	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Saline, La.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
St. Maurice, La.	12	355	28	39	135	112	12	20	22	6	12	17	22
Shreveport, La.	613	547	23	71	572	36	14	41	45	4	22	44	50
Vernon, La.	757	902	51	110	752	148	26	61	67	22	6	13	19
Vivian, La.	902	1110	148	61	900	110	22	28	41	8	4	12	19
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